GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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ACQUISITION OF AIRCRAFT BY INDIAN AIRLINES
ANANTA NAYAK;KAMAL NATH;M. JAGANNATH;UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU;UTTAMRAO DEORAO PATIL

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines proposes to acquire aircraft under wet lease or dry lease agreements;

(b) if so, the advantages of securing aircrafts under lease agreements rather than buying such aircrafts;

(c) whether successful airlines like Singapore Airlines has offered a number of planes on dry lease;

(d) if so, the number of planes presently acquired on lease agreements by the Indian Airlines; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to meet the demands of Indian public by Indian Airlines?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir - On dry lease.

(b): The lease of aircraft are considered to meet the capacity requirement till the proposals for purchase of new aircraft are completed and new aircraft are available for operations.

(c) & (d): Presently there is no offer received from Singapore Airlines or any other airline for dry lease of aircraft. However, Indian Airlines had taken two A300 B4 aircraft on dry lease for a period of three years effective May/June, 1998. The lease period is being extended for another two years.

(e): For the immediate capacity requirement, Indian Airlines is in the process of acquiring on dry lease basis five B-737 and two A320 aircraft. Further, Indian Airlines proposes to purchase three A300 B4 aircraft from Air India.